

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

FEETRANSMITTAL

for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT **(\$)** 475.00

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/698,679
Filing Date	10/31/2003
First Named Inventor	Donald J. Pansier
Examiner Name	Eugene Lee Kim
Art Unit	3721
Attorney Docket No.	961-00068

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

Check Credit card Money Order Other None

Deposit Account:

Deposit Account Number
01.2000
Deposit Account Name
Andrus, Sceales, Starke & Sawall, LLP

The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)

Charge fee(s) indicated below Credit any overpayments
 Charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s)
 Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above-identified deposit account.

FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 770	2001 385			Utility filing fee	
1002 340	2002 170			Design filing fee	
1003 530	2003 265			Plant filing fee	
1004 770	2004 385			Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80			Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)		(\$) 0.00			

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
			-20** =	X =	0
			- 3** =	X =	0
					0

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
1202 18	2202 9			Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43			Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145			Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43			** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9			** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2)		(\$) 0.00		

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65			Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25			Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130			Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520			For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*			Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*			Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55			Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210			Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253 475			Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740			Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005			Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165			Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165			Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145			Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510			Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55			Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665			Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665			Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 480	2502 240			Design issue fee	
1503 640	2503 320			Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130			Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50			Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180			Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40			Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 770	2809 385			Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 770	2810 385			For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 770	2801 385			Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900			Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) _____					
*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid					
SUBTOTAL (3)					(\$) 475.00

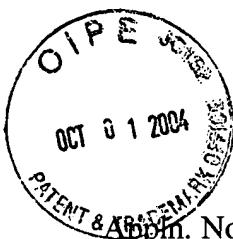
(Complete if applicable)

SUBMITTED BY			
Name (Print/Type)	Jeffrey S. Sokol	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	35,686
Signature		Date	9/28/2004

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.17 and 1.27. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appn. No. : 10/698,679
Applicant : Donald J. Pansier et al
Filed : 10/31/2003
Title : Method and Apparatus
For Producing Valve
Bags
TC/A.U. : 3721
Examiner : Eugene Lee Kim
Docket No. : 961-0068

) CERTIFICATE OF MAILING
) I hereby certify that this correspondence is
) being deposited with the United States Postal
) Service with sufficient postage as first class
) mail in an envelope addressed to:
) Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450,
) Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 28th
) day of September, 2004.

) Corinne Lindberg 9/28/04
Corinne Lindberg Date: 9/28/04

RESPONSE

Mail Stop: NO FEE
Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 24, 2004, applicant elects Group I (Claims 1-11 and 22-34), with traverse, and hereby requests a three month Extension of Time, fee attached. All elected claims are believed readable on the elected species.

The Applicant asserts that Group I and Group II (Claims 12-21) constitute a single species and genus. Class 493 (Manufacture of Container from Tube or Web) and subclass 189 (Include Heat Sealing) apply to both Groups of claims. Claims 1, 12 and 22 require the web to stop when forming the contoured longitudinal seal as explained on page 13, lines 11-27 of the specification, so there is no operational distinction between the seal and stop cycles. A single search should cover the claims for both Groups I and II. (MPEP 808).

Respectfully submitted,

10/04/2004 SMINASS1 00000001 10698679

01 FC:2253

475.00 OP

ANDRUS, SCEALES, STARKE & SAWALL, LLP

By:


Jeffrey S. Sokol
Reg. No. 35,686

Andrus, Sceales, Starke & Sawall, LLP
100 East Wisconsin Avenue, St. 1100
Milwaukee, WI 53202
(414) 271-7590